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Dear Mr. Arai:

This is in response to your letter received 26 January 2004 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/030,732 filed 08 January 2002. The application has not been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office because several calls to your Office on 25 July 2003 and subsequent days have not been responded to. The application papers filed 08 January 2002 do not include the following papers which were cited in the Transmittal Letter:

- Translation of the International Application
- First preliminary amendment
- Signed declaration of the inventors
- Translation of the annexes
- Request for approval of drawing changes
- Drawings in 27 pages
- Verification of translation

Should prosecution of the application be desired, applicant should file a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 along with copies of all the papers mentioned above, including a postcard showing receipt in the Office of these papers. The papers should be accompanied by a statement from the attorney that the copies are true copies of what was filed and of the postcard receipt as returned by the USPTO. The petition for acceptance of copies of those papers as originally filed 08 January 2002 should be addressed to the PCT Legal Office.

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